

Spring 2017

# WILD NEWS

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## OUR MISSION

Established in 1994, Wildlife Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating the suffering of sick, injured and orphaned animals. We provide assistance to the public with wildlife emergencies through the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife with the goal to release back to nature. We provide educational opportunities to communities to foster a respect for our wild neighbors and implement humane non-lethal programs. We are dedicated to providing humane solutions for co-existing with wildlife. We believe there is always a humane answer to any wildlife issue. We are an all volunteer organization and no one gets a salary.

## The Little Groundhog That Was Really A Fox

This is the story of my first ever baby fox who is so small his eyes weren't even open yet.

In the Beginning of March, it started as it usually does, with a call, but this time it was from an emergency animal clinic in Annapolis. My wonderful husband Bill dropped everything and drove hours in rush hour traffic to Annapolis just to save one very little baby fox. Then just as he starts his long drive back to our Northern Baltimore County rescue, another call comes in for 3 baby squirrels in Edgemere. You may already know we are an all volunteer rescue where no one gets paid. This selfless dedication from all of our volunteers should be applauded and never taken for granted.

We also need to really thank the Good Samaritan who heard the cries of the little animal. They didn't walk away, they didn't call and expect someone else to come get it, instead they helped save his life. Thinking it was a baby groundhog, but knowing not to touch it with bare hands, they put on gloves, which is very smart and important for a person's safety as well as for the animal. Unfortunately a person's interaction with a rabies vector animal can mean a death sentence for the wildlife baby by the health department if precautions are not taken. They were smart enough to put him into a box and bring him to the animal emergency hospital in Annapolis in the middle of the night. He had superficial abrasions and wounds and he needed food. Even though he wouldn't eat, the hospital's caring staff persisted, gave him fluids and finally got him to eat. They even named him George!

All too often we hear just the opposite, where good caring people try to get a wildlife baby help, only to be turned away by the veterinary hospital. So if your veterinarian or veterinary clinic staff has ever helped you with a wildlife baby you should really appreciate how wonderful they are!

*by Barbara Connor*



# Wildlife Rescue and The Humane Society of the United States Advance Nonlethal Deer Management

Wildlife Rescue, Inc. and The Humane Society of the United States worked together to continue the white-tailed deer fertility control program Wildlife Rescue started in 2011 to manage the deer population humanely in a suburban neighborhood in Baltimore County, Maryland.

The HSUS donated the services of three staff members who hold the required licenses granted by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to assist Wildlife Rescue and its volunteer staff of veterinarians and dedicated individuals with capturing and handling female deer, who were surgically sterilized and then released back into the wild.

Wildlife Rescue and The HSUS agreed that it was mutually beneficial to promote and advance the use of humane, nonlethal deer management methods in urban and suburban landscapes by continuing a program that other communities can replicate.

"We were happy to assist Wildlife Rescue, Inc. with its efforts to continue this humane, effective and sustainable deer management program," said Kali Pereira, HSUS's senior deer program manager. "We hope the project will serve as a model for other communities around the country that are interested in pursuing humane alternatives to lethal deer management."

As in the past years, we were overwhelmed with the outpouring of volunteers who donated their time to save the deer. We would like to send a Very Special Thank You to our "Deer Spay Team 2017", Dr. Keith Gold our Principal Veterinarian, Dr. Tamie Haskin and Dr. Kaitlyn Heydt of Chadwell Animal Hospital, Dr. Sue McDonough and Dr. Kerry Milliken! Veterinarians, who took time off from their practices and donated their services. Chadwell Animal Hospital's vet techs Melissa Goodman, Alexis Finley, Kelsey Kelch, Krystal Smith and Claudia Johnson. Volunteers Debbie LaTorre and Jean Ayers for your untiring dedication year after year. And to our Board Members, Meredith Callahan, Matt Matthias, Lierra Lenhard and Enid Feinberg for everything you did!

We would also like to thank, Stephanie Boyles Griffin, senior director of HSUS' Wildlife Fertility Control Program and director of the Botstiber International Institute for Wildlife Fertility Control Wildlife Protection program, Kali Pereira, HSUS senior deer program manager, and Dave Pauli, HSUS senior advisor for Wildlife Response & Policy.

The success of this project continues to be directly related to the donation of these volunteer veterinarians, volunteer technicians, other volunteers and The HSUS.

Sterilized deer continue to stay in family groups. Mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters all hang out together. The surgery does not change their behavior. We see them washing and kissing each other all the time. Mother and daughter on right with sisters in back.



Happy and healthy, they need much less food since they are not pregnant every year for 7 months and then nursing all summer.

Please go to our website [www.wildliferescueinc.org](http://www.wildliferescueinc.org) to learn more about this incredible project.

## MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Memorial and Tribute Gifts honor a special family member, friend or pet while supporting Wildlife Rescue's programs. The following Memorial and Tribute Gifts were received from 11/1/16 to 4/15/17.

**Nancy R. Frenkil** ~ Jean & Gregory Ayers  
**Melvin Carlson** ~ Betty L. Carlson  
 ~ Richard & Helen Larrick  
**Hanna Crafton** ~ Ann Logsdon  
**SHK** ~ Paul F. Koehler

### *In Memory of:*

**Kali** ~ Margaret Zellers  
**Ellen Parsons, My Boys Late**  
**Godmother** ~ Elizabeth Grove

**My dear, sweet little angel, Mitzi Lamp, my 16 year old Golden Retriever mix who was so smart, she was more like a "human in a dog suit."** ~ Joe and JoAnn Lamp  
**Emmett** ~ Joan Gordon

### *In Honor of:*

**Volunteers & Vets who help Wildlife Rescue**  
 ~ JoAnn & Joe Lamp  
**The Big Purple Barn Horse Rescue** ~ Janelle Dietrich  
**Juli & Dave Harris** ~ Deb & Jim Pickett

### *Wildlife Parents:*

**Bird Adoption** ~ Cindy Candelori  
**Rabbit Adoption** ~ Bill & Patti Hampton  
**Rabbit Adoption in Honor of Henry & Lily**  
 ~ Chuck & Karen Dunlap

## Community Succeeds in Getting Help for Deer with Head Stuck in Plastic Jar



The deer likely found itself stuck in the jar after searching for a lick of salt inside. "When they're empty, the salt that's left in them is attractive to deer and other animals." Paul Peditto, the director of the DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service said.

Rescue groups, including Wildlife Rescue were contacted by Catherine Hackman. Unfortunately, out of touch regulations in Maryland do not allow rehabilitators to help adult wildlife. The deer needed to be chemically immobilized which is rarely allowed during hunting season.

Jughead is one lucky deer. With only 2 days left of hunting and the widespread news coverage the community garnered, the Department of Natural Resources was encouraged to do the right thing. Jughead was chemically immobilized and the jar was cut off. We all cheered when Jughead was finally free.

This is a terrible thing to happen to this poor deer and it can happen to any animal, large or small. Please be responsible and careful with your recycling and trash. Wash out all food containers or even better, put the lids on before discarding!

We want to thank everyone involved. What a wonderful community this is to care so much, and put so much effort into helping this deer.

Residents spotted the deer for over a week with the oversized, clear plastic snack container on its head. "It's completely fastened over his face so he can't eat or drink," says neighbor Catherine Hackman. "It is a really close knit community, they really care about animals." Hackman and her neighbors kept tabs on the deer for more than a week, trying to find a way to help him. The community started a facebook page where people post spottings of the deer affectionately known as "Jughead". It was upsetting to see the deer unable to free itself of the container, said Chris Beauchamp, a resident of the Glenwood Country Club Park neighborhood in Bel Air, Maryland in Harford County.

## Don't Kidnap That Baby!

**Each year across the U.S., thousands of "orphaned" wild birds and mammals are rescued by well-meaning people when they didn't need to be rescued at all.**

In the spring and summer, people frequently find baby wild animals and assume they are orphaned. However, whether or not an animal is orphaned depends on the animal's age and species, and how their natural behaviors are perceived. People sometimes assume that an animal found alone means the animal is orphaned. They don't realize that certain animals, like deer and rabbits, commonly leave their young alone

to avoid attracting predators with their own scent. While other animals like raccoons and fox are closely supervised by their mothers, so finding a young raccoon or fox alone does indicate that the animal is likely to be an orphan. Guidelines on our website will help you decide whether the baby you see is truly an orphan, and what if anything you should do.

[Go to www.wildliferescueinc.org for more information](http://www.wildliferescueinc.org)

Please fill out this coupon and mail it to: Wildlife Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 330, Monkton, MD 21111

**YES! I want to save animals in need. Here's my tax-deductible donation of:**

\$25     \$50     \$75     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

For credit card donations, please call or go to [www.wildliferescueinc.org](http://www.wildliferescueinc.org) and select Make A Donation

This donation/adoption is in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**I want to adopt and become a "Wildlife Parent"** (Donation must be \$100. or more. Please check one animal below)

For each adoption you will receive a certificate with a color photo of the animal species of your choice, a beautiful Wildlife Rescue reusable tote bag or a T-shirt and in the next newsletter you will receive recognition of your adoption.

Bird     Duck     Raccoon     Fawn     Rabbit     Squirrel     Fox    **Circle: Tote or T-Shirt**

# Winter Raffle Winners

1st Prize *Charles Bridgett*

2nd Prize *Joan Lundberg* 3rd Prize *Kathleen Brauer*

*Thank you to all our raffle winners for donating their prize back to the animals!*

## RESCUE DON'TS

Often knowing what *not* to do is just as important as knowing what to do.

- DON'T give water or food (including milk, which is especially deadly!) to an injured or orphaned animal.
- DON'T cut a tree down without looking for wildlife to see if there's a squirrel, bird or raccoon nest in the tree.
- DON'T leave pets or children outside when a fledgling is on the ground.
- DON'T allow pets or children to disturb a rabbit's nest.
- DON'T trap wildlife. She may be a Mother with babies that will starve.

Go to [www.wildliferescueinc.org](http://www.wildliferescueinc.org) for more

## Thank You!

**Our Volunteers** – For donating so much of your time for our wildlife babies!

**Our Vets, their Staff and the organizations we work hand in hand with!**

**Becky Wolff of Dramatic Visions LLC** – For our great website!

**Lierra Lenhard** – For donating the writing and designing of the newsletter!

## "Feed the Babies Raffle"

Your donation is how we help and care for the animals.

We receive no government funding.

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**Barbara Connor,**  
*Wildlife Director*

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## Wildlife Adoption

By Donating \$100.00 or more you can become a "Wildlife Parent"

Your adoption will contribute to their daily care which includes veterinary treatment, food, housing and special treats. For each adoption you will receive a certificate with a color photo of the animal species of your choice, a beautiful Wildlife Rescue reusable tote bag or a T-shirt (your choice) and in the next newsletter you will receive recognition of your adoption.



### Certificate of Fawn Adoption In Memory of Gerda



*I am a white-tail deer fawn.*

I was rescued and brought to Wildlife Rescue, Inc. Fawns come here when they are attacked by domestic dogs, suffer from lawn mower and farm equipment injuries, or when their Mom's get killed.

Here I will be bottle fed 3 times a day and stay with other rescued fawns in a fenced in pasture.

I will start to nibble on grass and hay at about 6 weeks old and will be weaned off my bottle slowly and given whole corn and deer pellets to supplement my diet. When I am about 3 months old, I will still have my spots but I will be strong enough to forage for food on my own and I will be released back to the wild.

Fearing her scent may attract predators, a mother deer leaves her fawn alone most of the day. If you encounter a fawn lying quietly by itself - and it looks healthy - leave it alone. Mom will be back.

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